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January 5, 2000

Mr. Jim Werner, Director  
Office of Long-Term Stewardship  
US Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20585

**SEPTEMBER 10, 1999, STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND THE STATE OF TENNESSEE SIGNED BY  
GOVERNOR SUNDQUIST AND SECRETARY RICHARDSON**

Dear Mr. Werner

The above referenced document included a mutual commitment on a Long-Term Stewardship issue of specific interest to the State of Tennessee, which reads as follows:

*Develop and submit a plan on long-term stewardship to Congress by October 1, 2000, consistent with the FY2000 Defense Authorization Bill that is mutually acceptable to DOE, the State of Tennessee, and surrounding communities.*

DOE and Tennessee must achieve successful closure on this commitment well before the October 1, 2000. Therefore, it is essential that the State initiate review, comment, and stakeholder participation during the early phase of DOE's plan development.

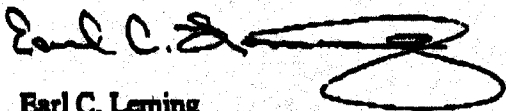
At this time, I am requesting that DOE provide this office with as much information on the plan as you may have available. It should, at a minimum, include the following:

1. Scope, schedule and outline for the plan.
2. Draft or final guidance/policy documents to be used at DOE sites for reporting information.
3. A list of sites and responsible programs which according to the Committee must provide information for long-term stewardship (longer than 30 years).
4. A list of sites and responsible programs (if any) which meet the Committee criteria, but are seeking to be excluded from reporting requirements.
5. Timetable for providing future information to this office for review and comment.
6. Explain the distinction between the plan and the study and report required by the waste management PEIS lawsuit with the Natural Resource Defense Council (NRDC et al. vs. Richardson No. 97-936[SS][AK]).

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If you have questions or need to discuss this letter in more detail, please contact Doug McCoy or me at (865) 481-0995.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Earl C. Leming". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, prominent loop at the end.

Earl C. Leming  
Director

xc: Justin Wilson - Governor's Policy Office  
Rod Nelson - DOE